

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026, by Mayor Pro-Tem, Rochefort.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members: Rochefort, Klaska, Rapson, Kerr, Harrison.
 Absent: Robinson, Particka.
 Staff: City Manager Bachman, City Clerk, Zagorski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rapson second by Harrison to approve July 6, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
 Voice vote: all voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Dan Glaza, a City of Bad Axe resident addressed the Council, City Manager Bachman and City Clerk Zagorski regarding the Local Proposal Petition to have Marijuana Establishments put on November 4, 2026, ballot for a vote of the people. He handed City Clerk Zagorski the signed petitions, City Clerk Zagorski accepted the petitions.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

1. County Commissioner Hunt spoke about the county audit review; he stated that the fund balance has increased; it is now about 20% of the annual budget. He stated that the county is headed in the right direction. He also said that he has a recall filed against him.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Motion by Rochefort second by Harrison to approve voting for the 3 trustee candidates running for the MML Workers' Compensation Fund.

AYES: Rochefort, Kerr, Rapson, Harrison.
 NO: Klaska.

2. Motion by Kerr second by Harrison to approve the City-Wide Garage Sales the week of the Huron County Fair (August 13th-16th.)
 Voice vote: all voting aye.

3. Motion by Harrison second by Kerr to approve putting in a dog park, at Wilcox Park.

AYES: Rochefort, Klaska, Rapson, Harrison, Kerr.
 NO: None.

4. Motion by Rochefort second by Harrison to approve payment to Nicol and Sons Inc., in the amount of \$485,740.00, for Soper Road Paving.

AYES: Klaska, Rapson, Kerr, Rochefort, Harrison.
 NO: None.

Recommendations from Finance Committee

Finance Minutes: July 15, 2026

1. Motion by Rapson second by Harrison to approve to pay Astec Asphalt Inc. for the S. Hanselman St. Project, in the amount of \$217,960.71.

AYES: Klaska, Rochefort, Harrison, Kerr, Rapson.
NO: None.

2. Approval of the Quote from AbadataCONNECT, with an upfront cost of \$3,907.66 and a monthly fee thereafter of \$378.83, for a phone system overhaul.
Motion by Rapson second by Klaska to **set aside** until there are a few more quotes to review.

AYES: Rochefort, Klaska, Kerr, Harrison, Rapson.
NO: None.

3. Motion by Rapson second by Klaska to approve a budget of up to \$19,000.00 for the dog park. This would include Halfway Fence Company installing the fence and the DPW to install a waste station, add tables and or benches, and a water station.

AYES: Harrison, Rochefort, Klaska, Kerr, Rapson.
NO: None.

4. Motion by Harrison second by Rapson for approval to have the DPW purchase the 2026 Bad Boy Renegade mower, in the amount of \$16,500.00, from Morell Equipment.

AYES: Klaska, Rapson, Kerr, Rochefort, Harrison.
NO: None.

5. Motion by Rapson second by Rochefort for the approval of the payment of bills: \$105,899.81

-July 2, 2026
-July 10, 2026

AYES: Kerr, Rochefort, Klaska, Harrison, Rapson.
NO: None.

Mayor and Council Comments

1. City Clerk Zagorski stated that there will be Early Voting for the August 4th Primary Election, at Wilcox Park, from July 25th through August 2nd, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Council Information

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rochefort second by Rapson to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.
Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Nick Rochefort, Mayor Pro-Tem

Tara Zagorski, City Clerk